

REMARKS

In the outstanding office action, the Examiner has required the election of a single invention to which the claims must be restricted. More particularly, the Examiner required applicants to select from an emulsion (Group I – claims 20-40); and a method for the enzyme-catalyzed esterification, transesterification or hydrolysis of fatty acid alkyl esters and/or triglycerides in an o/w emulsion (Group II – claims 41-44).

In addition the Examiner has required election of species as follows:

- Ia. If Group I is elected above, elect either
IA. an oily phase comprising fatty alkyl esters and triglycerides, claims 21-22; or
IB. an interfacially active enzyme that is a hydrolase and/or acyl transferase, claims 34-37
- Ib. If specie IA is elected, elect either
oil phase comprises a fatty acid alkyl ester, claims 21 and 22; or
oil phase comprises a triglyceride, claims 21
- Ic. If specie IB is elected, elect either
enzyme content from types as in claims 35 and 36
(elected specie must be disclosed per se)
- Id. If specie elected in Ic is lipases and/or lipases/acyl transferases, elect the specie of microorganism from which the enzymes originate, claim 36
- Ie. If Group I is elected above, elect the specific reaction: esterification or transesterification or hydrolysis, claim 38
- II. If Group II is elected above, elect the specific reaction: esterification or transesterification or hydrolysis, claim 41

If Group II is elected, elect a substrate: fatty acid alkyl esters, triglycerides, or both.

Although applicants do not necessarily agree with the statements made by the Examiner in the office action, applicants are making, without traverse, the following election:

Group I, claims 20-40, drawn to an emulsion.

Election of species, without traverse:

1A. an oily phase comprising fatty acid alkyl esters and triglycerides, claims 21-22

1b. Oil phase comprising a fatty acid alkyl ester, claims 21-22

Ie. Specific reaction: transesterification

The undersigned respectfully submits that the response presented herein comprises a full and complete response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction as set forth in the office action mailed June 18, 2009.

In view of the above, it is believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance and early notice thereof is respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this response, invitation is respectfully made to contact the undersigned by telephone at the number indicated below.

If any additional fees are required to further the prosecution of this application, the Office is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1943.

Respectfully submitted,

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